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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Keith V. Wood et al. Examiner: Rebecca Prouty  
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Title: SYNTHETIC NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE COMPOSITIONS AND  
METHODS OF PREPARATION

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**PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the final Office Action mailed January 6, 2004, said period of response being extended from April 6, 2004 to June 7, 2004.

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